

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I am STRONGLY opposed to the implementation of any proposal that would have the effect of lessening the protection currently offered by the Indiana Telephone Privacy law.

It is difficult for me to overstate the importance to me of privacy in my own home. Prior to the enactment of Indiana's law, I would receive a constant barrage of marketing calls in my home, primarily during the evening hours when I was trying to spend some precious family time with my husband and four children. These calls frequently interrupted family activities ranging from eating dinner to homework to game time to practicing musical instruments. In my view, the onus should not be on me to take affirmative steps to silence the telephone marketing onslaught in my own home.

Prior to the enactment of Indiana's law, I would regularly receive multiple marketing calls during any given week. Since placing my name on the "Do Not Call" list, those calls have virtually stopped. I do receive an occasional call from legitimate charities, but those are few and far between. The fact that I do receive a very occasional call highlights the fact that legitimate charities and businesses do still have access to my telephone WHEN THEY HAVE A LEGITIMATE PURPOSE and they comply with the Indiana law. Garbage marketers, on the other hand, are vitually foreclosed from harassing me in my home, and this is the way that I want it.

Deb Parent